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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
ART UNIT 1642**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
White et al.

Application No.: 09/994,185

Art Unit: 1642

Filed: November 26, 2001

Examiner: Karen A. Canella

For: METHOD FOR QUANTIFYING LBP IN  
BODY FLUIDS

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In a final Office Action mailed May 23, 2005, claims 1-4 were rejected for same invention type double patenting under 35 U.S.C. §101. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. No fees are believed to be due, but any fees or deficiencies may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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